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## **Rachel Park Dance Center welcomes new instructor Kelly Cannone**

**Middleboro** – Kelly Cannone has been an arts educator for more than 25 years. Throughout the last two decades she served on The Arts Advocate of Rhode Island, Dance Teachers Club of Connecticut, Dance Masters of America, The Arts Advocate of Rhode Island and was a board member of the Warwick Consortium of the Arts and Humanities. In 1981 she founded Dance Artistry, Inc. in Warwick, RI and became owner of the studio Dancer Magazine called “One of the four most successful studios in America.” She started her own dance company, the Dance Artistry Dancers, a non-profit organization, for ages seven to twenty, who perform across the United States. They have also performed internationally in a cultural exchange program, visiting Copenhagen, Denmark, and Minsk and Moscow, Russia.

To expand her teaching opportunities to the martial arts, Kelly earned her black belt in American Kenpo Karate. She used her martial arts experience to organize self-defense workshops for high school students. Kelly’s choreography can be seen in various television commercials and theatre productions. She is a member of numerous dance conventions and competitions and has recently become an author. Kelly’s articles have been published in Dancer Magazine, The Gold Rush and Cheerleading Dance and Drill Magazine. She has also written a children’s book titled “The Broken Doll”, which will soon be a ballet performed by the State Ballet of Rhode Island.

In addition to choreographing for the Middleborough Youth Ballet’s 2017 performance of The Nutcracker, Kelly will be offering several new classes beginning in October on Thursday evenings at the Rachel Park Dance Center. Karate Dance for Boys (ages 7 and over) at 5:15-6:00pm is a great way to develop strength, balance and coordination. In this class, students will have fun learning karate skills combined with Hip Hop. Class will include stretching, conditioning, kicking and blocking. Students will learn self-defense techniques combined with some fun Hip Hop moves to popular music. In the Flash Mob class at 6:00-6:45pm, students will learn original choreography from music videos, culminating in a “flash mob” performed locally. This class is a great way to share the love of dance within the community. Adult Ballroom/Swing at 6:45-7:30pm is designed especially for adults who want to experience a dance class, get a little exercise and feel like they are “Dancing with the Stars”. This class will be an introduction to many styles of Ballroom/Swing, including East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, Cha Cha, Waltz and more. No partner is required for this class. Adult Tap at 7:30-8:15pm is an introduction to the fundamentals of tap with a variety of styles from Broadway to Rhythm Tap. Tap dance is not only fun, but the benefits include increased cardiovascular conditioning, strength, flexibility and coordination. No previous experience is required.

For more information and to register for the above classes, please contact the Rachel Park Dance Center at [info@rachelparkdance.com](mailto:info@rachelparkdance.com) or 508-946-2380. You may also visit

[www.rachelparkdance.com](http://www.rachelparkdance.com) to register on-line or to download a flyer and registration form.  
There is open enrollment being accepted for these classes.